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To: Alumnae and other Friends

From: Wesleyan Alumnae Association

Presidential Search Committee Report by Frank C. Jones, Chairman:

Substantial progress is being made in the search for a new president for Wesleyan College.

Applications and nominations have been solicited in a variety of ways: by an advertisement that appeared in four issues of The Chronicle of Higher Education; from Alumnae, faculty members and students, trustees, and other friends of the College; and through contacts initiated by members of the Trustees' search Committee and the advisory committee.

There are well over 100 active files. These are being studied carefully, and it is contemplated that a much smaller list of prospects will soon be formulated. It is quite difficult to project a precise timetable as of this date. Hopefully, the interviewing of "finalists" can begin in March or early April, and a recommendation of a new president can be submitted to the Board of Trustees at its spring meeting in early May.

The Trustees' Search Committee is composed of Mrs. B. Jay Trawick and William A. Fickling, Jr., Vice Chairman, Reginald Trice, Dr. J. Frederick Wilson, and myself and Randolph W. Thrower, ex officio. We are receiving active participation and support from four advisory committees selected from among the members of the faculty, alumnae, students and the Board of Associates. Dr. Judson C. Ward, Jr., Vice President of Emory University, and Henry L. Bowden, chairman of Emory's Board, and both members of Wesleyan's Board, are serving as consultants. Mrs. Freda K. Nadler, Editor of the Wesleyan Alumnae Magazine, is our executive secretary, and Mrs. Maureen Lizek, who is the personal secretary of Vice Chairman Bill Fickling, Jr., is rendering valuable assistance as well.

All of us who are serving on the Trustees' Search Committee and on the various advisory committees are dedicated to the goal that the person selected to become Wesleyan's next president will be truly outstanding and highly qualified in all respects to provide leadership for the 1980's and beyond. In the meantime, President W. Earl Strickland is continuing to function actively as president and he is cooperating fully with us in our task.

Alumnae Weekend to be Celebrated April 6-7, 1979:

Special reunion classes will include 1904 - 75th; 1909 - 70th; 1914 - 65th; 1919 - 60th; 1924 - 55th; 1929 - Golden; 1934 - 45th; 1944 - Jade; 1949 - 30th; 1954 - Silver; 1959 - 20th; 1964 - 15th; 1969 - 10th; 1974 - 5th; 1976 - 3rd. We will be Presenting Our Family - all come!

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### Death Claims Two Benefactors of Wesleyan:

Dr. Fred Prosper Manget, 99, died in Atlanta on January 21, to be followed exactly one month later by Mrs. T. J. Stewart (Octavia Burden, '06), in Macon.

A legendary figure, "Dr. Fred" served 42 years as a medical missionary in China (he was decorated by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek), Burma, West China, Japan, and Korea, also with a Red Cross volunteer unit in Siberia treating prisoners of the Russians. Returning to America he founded a free medical clinic in Atlanta, later continuing this work in Macon. Upon the death of his first wife, Louise Anderson, his helper in China, he married Jennie Loyall '12, first Alumnae Secretary at Wesleyan. In 1963 she established the Dr. Fred P. Manget Missionary Fund to strengthen the Religion Department at the College. The Jennie Manget Dining Room was named for her. Both were responsible for many other expressions of generosity and service to Wesleyan, the Church, and the Community.

"Miss Octavia" died at 92. She spent much of her childhood on the campus of old Wesleyan as her grandfather, Dr. W. C. Bass, was then president of the College and made his home there. Among her benefactions to the College were the annual donation of a full tuition scholarship and refurbishing of the furnishings and decor of the Burden Parlor, previously donated by her and other members of the Burden family. In 1952 she received the Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to Wesleyan. Her late husband, Thomas J. Stewart, was a Trustee of the College and was one of five who pledged his personal securities to guarantee the dissolution of Wesleyan's bonded indebtedness. More about these devoted supporters of the College will appear in the May alumnae magazine.

### "Shenandoah" Is A Big Hit:

The musical produced jointly in February by the Macon Little Theatre and the Wesleyan Music Department was bound to be a hit, with Norman McLean singing the lead and John O'Steen as music director. Reviewer Jacqueline McNair wrote: "It is not a one-man show, but the sometimes feisty, sometimes incredibly tender portrayal by Norman McLean...as its centerpiece is carried off to near perfection...nothing short of raves can describe how beautifully McLean brings it alive." Mary Pate Hatfield '48, Wesleyan Associate Professor of Speech and member of the Board of Governors of the Macon Little Theatre, was production manager.

### Gifts Received from Dr. Johnson:

President Strickland reports that Dr. G. Duncan Johnson, former faculty member, made a nice gift last year in memory of his mother, Mary Lenz Johnson, a 1900 graduate of Goucher, who would have been 100 in 1978. He made a similar gift this year in honor of his wife.

### Parents Weekend March 2-3:

Parents of Wesleyan elected new officers at their annual meeting March 3: Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stone, Macon (daughters, Sarah and Mary); VP's, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gammon, Cedartown, Ga. (Claire); Secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Anglin, East Point, Ga. (Lori); and Treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mixon, Macon (Wade). Golden Hearts, Seniors, won Stunt and Spirit Cups.



Mini-mester Planned April 8-12:

A week devoted to The Southern Mystique is being offered April 8-12, open to all who have an interest in the Southern Heritage. On Sunday at 2 P.M. in the Benson Room of Candler Alumnae Center, Lamar Dodd, renowned Georgia artist, will deliver the Keynote address. Seminars will be presented on Southern folklore, flora, literature, history, art, and the Treasures of Wesleyan, with tours to places of historical interest in and around Macon as an added feature. The total college program will be available to participants -- student recitals, theatrical performances, and art exhibits.

"Wesleyan's first Mini-mester combines the best features of learning and vacation", said Dr. Thomas F. Boyd, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "We invite you to come to Wesleyan for a new and different experience."

CEU credit will be given. The fee, including all meals, lodging, seminars, and tours, is \$110 per person, \$200 per couple, and \$60 for non-boarders. Send registration checks to Wesleyan, care of Dr. Boyd.

Free Enterprise Week Observed:

Wesleyan joined all the private colleges of Georgia in observing Free Enterprise Week on the morning of February 22 when members of the Macon Chamber of Commerce came for coffee and doughnuts with President Strickland at the Candler Alumnae Center. Three Wesleyan students spoke on why they believe in the free enterprise system.

Admissions Staff Working on 1980 Prospects:

If you know a high school group or sorority who would like to hear a presentation on "What to Expect from College--A Student's Viewpoint", please contact Virginia Berlin or Debra Stockton at Wesleyan. A Student Speaker's Bureau has been formed to make presentations and give programs on this topic.

Also, the Admissions Staff is beginning to compile prospects for Fall 1980. Names of girls who are presently juniors in high school would be appreciated. Please send us as much information on each girl as possible: name, address, high school, year of graduation, phone number, interests and activities.

Response to Challenger Group is Good:

Three generous challengers have joined together to form a "Challenge Group" for the fiscal year 1978-79. They will match dollar for dollar (1) each new gift to the Annual Loyalty Fund up to \$100. They will also match dollar for dollar (2) each donor's increased gift over what was given last fiscal year up to \$100. The Challenge extends to \$6,000 per challenger or \$18,000 in all. This fiscal year is July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979. To date 188 new gifts (1) have been received and 135 increases (2).

New Leaders for Board of Associates:

Thad Murphey, prominent Macon realtor, is now chairman of the Wesleyan Board of Associates. Mrs. William McCowen (Virginia McClellan, '44) is vice chairman. Former Chairman Eugene W. Dunwody has been elected to the Board of Trustees.



### NOW: News of Wesleyan

The first Mother-Daughter Weekend was sponsored by CSA and the Parents of Wesleyan. The traditional Father-Daughter Weekend was enjoyed in the fall.

NOW

The Black Student Alliance presented Ms. Willie M. Smith, poet, in the Benson Room, Candler Alumnae Center, on the evening of February 13.

NOW

A delegation from Taipei Municipal Teachers College for Women, Taiwan, was on campus January 29 to sign an official sister college document with Wesleyan.

NOW

The Day Student Organization planted a cherry tree between Tate and Taylor Halls on February 17 to add to the beauty of the campus. Alumnae Director Frances Bruce Van Horn is sponsor for this group.

NOW

The Music Department has programmed Discussion with Jessye Norman, Dramatic Soprano, March 21 and Open Voice Lessons by Anna Kaskas, Met Opera Contralto, March 22. The Wesleyannes will sing at many schools in the New Orleans area and at an alumnae meeting in March. The Glee Club will perform March 6 at South Georgia College, April 8 with the Wofford College Glee Club, and April 21 for the Morning Music Club of Macon.

NOW

Kathryn Gibbs Steinbruegge, Atlanta, AB '45, has been nominated for Treasurer of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association.

NOW

Five weeks of intense study, traditional and non-traditional, will be offered in the May Term. A highlight is a course on Victorian England, taught by Ann Munck '38, and Dr. Kayron McMinn in England. For details of the tour contact Miss Munck.

NOW

Wesleyan's fourth annual Executive Management Seminar, designed for women at the mid-management level, is scheduled for May 6-9. Call Dr. Tom Boyd.

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